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Different Gods

His God is dripping
from an IV bag into
his intricately tattooed arm
He no longer believes in a Savior
opening up space for mermaids
and the latest sighting of Bigfoot
reported on the Discovery channel.

My God is quite busy
hearing my twelve prayers an hour
the rest of the family drinking cheap beer
are consumed by their own diseases
ones doctors have not
given any names.

My brother is listening to music
his headphones thumping a beat
into the large ears we
all made fun of as kids
the subtle buzz of his liquid death machine
reminds me that I
am long overdue for a haircut.